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In re Patent No. 6,957,334 :  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed November 4, 2010, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

This patent expired at midnight October 18, 2009, for failure to pay the 3½ year maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The petition is hereby **GRANTED**.

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

There is no indication that the person signing the petition was ever given a power of attorney to prosecute the application. If the person signing the petition desires to be acknowledged as the attorney of record in this application, the appropriate power of attorney documents must be submitted.

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